(c) what the circumstances were under which they were made and the necessity for the same?

A.—(a), (b) & (c) The Government have not complete information on all the details required. A memorial on the subject of Police action in Bezwada is under the consideration of the Government.

Mr. U. C. SUBRAHMANYA BHATT:—" May I know what action the Government has taken on the memorial from the people of Bezwada? "

The hon. Khan Bahadur Sir MAHOMED USMAN SAHIB Bahadur:—" The memorial is under the consideration of Government."

Mr. ABDUL HAMEED KHAN:—" The answer is that the Government have not complete information. What do they mean by it? Do they mean to make further enquiries? "

The hon. Khan Bahadur Sir MAHOMED USMAN SAHIB Bahadur:—" Yes, we make enquiries, and on enquiry if it is found that the Police were in the wrong, disciplinary action will be taken."

Mr. U. C. SUBRAHMANYA BHATT:—" May I know whether any evidence will be adduced in the enquiry to be held? "

The hon. Khan Bahadur Sir MAHOMED USMAN SAHIB Bahadur:—" It is not possible for me to say anything in the matter. But I shall consider the suggestion of the hon. Member."

Alleged beating on 13th April 1932 of volunteers by the Police in Bezwada.

* 147 Q.—Mr. U. C. SUBRAHMANYA BHATT: Will the hon. the Home Member be pleased to state—

(a) whether it is a fact that on 13th April 1932, the 'Jallianwalabhag Day', two batches of eight volunteers each went out in procession in Bezwada and the Police beat them severely with lathis;

(b) whether it is a fact that one of the said volunteers Banka Yedukondalu, even after he fell down unconscious after the beating, was three times raised up and beaten by the sergeants again and again and that his left leg was fractured;

(c) whether it is a fact that another of the said volunteers, Mr. Yanduri Veeraraghavaya, was beaten on his testicles on that day; and

(d) whether it is a fact that Mr. Kambampati Venkateswara Rao, another of the said volunteers, was lifted up even after he fell unconscious and beaten by the sergeants and was severely injured under his left eye?

A.—(a) to (d) The Government have no information and they have no reason to suppose that the volunteers mentioned were beaten in the manner indicated. Nor are they aware of any complaints of ill-treatment preferred by these persons at the time of alleged occurrence.

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Diwan Bahadur R. N. Arogyaswami Mudaliyar:—"May I ask whether the Government will call for the necessary information in this case?"

The hon. Khan Bahadur Sir Mahomed Usman Sahib Bahadur:—"Yes, Sir."

Mr. K. Koti Reddi:—"May I know why the Government say that there is no reason to suppose that the Police would not have behaved otherwise?"

The hon. Khan Bahadur Sir Mahomed Usman Sahib Bahadur:—"Because, nothing of the kind was brought to our notice."

Alleged beating of Messrs. D. Subbayya and Nabi Sahib at Bapatla on 11th April 1932.

* 148 *Q.*—Mr. U. C. Subrahmanya Bhatt: Will the hon. the Home Member be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether it is a fact that two persons Dassari Subbayya and Nabi Sahib were subjected to a severe lathi charge by the Police of Bapatla on 11th April 1932, after they were taken by the Police into their custody near the Sub-Court;

(*b*) whether it is a fact that the said two persons were beaten by eight constables with lathis and casuarina sticks simultaneously;

(*c*) whether the Government have perused the statement of an advocate who was an eye-witness of the same; and

(*d*) what action have the Government taken or propose to take in the matter?

A.—(*a*) & (*b*) The facts reported are as follows:—

One Nabi Sahib and his companion tried to enter the Sub-Court, Bapatla, on 11th April 1932 to create a scene. They were promptly turned out. An excited crowd which followed them was ordered by the Sub-Inspector to disperse and on its refusal to do so was dispersed by a cane charge. It is not true that the two persons mentioned in the question were beaten with lathis or casuarina sticks as alleged.

(*c*) No.

(*d*) The incident was the subject-matter of a criminal complaint in the Court of the Joint Magistrate, Ongole, who dismissed the complaint under section 203, Criminal Procedure Code. The Government do not propose to take any action in the matter.

Alleged forcible dispersal of a Congress procession at Mangalore on 13th April 1932.

* 149 *Q.*—Mr. U. C. Subrahmanya Bhatt: Will the hon. the Home Member be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether it is a fact that there was a peaceful Congress procession on 13th April 1932 in Mangalore town of about 40 Congress volunteers including ladies;